

Minutes of the Mt. Vernon – Black Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting April 16th, 2008

The Mt. Vernon – Black Township Parks and Recreation Department Board held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 16th, 2008, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizen Center at 6:00 p.m. Attending the meeting was: Park Board President – Ron Bennett, Members – Kelly Cox, Don Oeth and Synda Waters, Superintendent John Tate and Park Board Secretary- Debra Scott.

Members not present were: Linc Baro.

The motion to authorize payment of claims was made by Don Oeth and seconded by Synda Waters. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the minutes as written or corrected from the March 19th, 2008, meeting was made by Kelly Cox and seconded by Don Oeth. Motion carried.

The motion to approve the balance of accounts to be entered into the minutes subject to audit for April 16th, 2008, was made by Synda Waters and seconded by Kelly Cox. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Cumulative Capital Fund- Mr. Tate stated he had met with City Attorney Beth Mcfadin Higgins about the Cumulative Capital Fund. Mrs. Higgins stated she will look into the different tax rates for starting the Cumulative Capital Fund and in the meantime Mr. Tate can be forming a worksheet showing how many people the Parks Department serve. Mr. Ron Bennett stated the deadline to apply for the C.C.F. is April 1st of each year. It may be next year before the department can apply for the Cumulative Capital Fund this will give the department time to see how much money generates in a years time.
2. Background Checks- Mr. Ron Bennett asked Mr. Don Oeth if he would like to update the Parks Board on the grant he had required about for the background checks. Mr. Don Oeth stated the State Police Alliance awarded \$1,000.00 in grant monies to the Mt. Vernon Park & Recreation Department. This grant will be used for running background checks on all coaches. Mr. Don Oeth stated the money should be arriving in the mail any day. Mr. Oeth stated he had spoken to State Representative Bob Deig on the matter. Mr. Deig could request at the next legislature for a new law stating that all government entities and Non for Profit organizations could pay a set fee (\$50.00) for all background checks. Mr. Oeth stated another possibility would be at the next budget hearing start a new budget line for background checks.
3. Field Office for Riverfront Project – Mr. Tate stated he gave the go ahead to Mr. John Tucker on letting the Riverfront committee have office space at the Parks office.

4. Chlorinator- After a brief discussion, the board agreed with the current financial situation the chlorinator will have to wait until next year. Mr. Tate stated this is a safety issue and should be addressed soon. Mr. Tate stated at the end of the year the Park's Department should be able to encumber funds for the chlorinator. Mr. Don Oeth stated he had spoke with his son, State Policeman, Greg Oeth and Greg told him there is money at the State level to be used for such projects. Mr. Oeth also spoke to someone at Sabic. Sabic would like to get involved in the community and may be open to providing money for certain projects

NEW BUSINESS

1. Westech Fence- Mr. Tate stated Westech donated 400 Feet of split rail fence to use at Brittlebank Park.

Other Business

Mrs. Synda Waters stated she has concerns with the future of the riverfront project. Mrs. Waters asked what happens when all the grant money has been spent. Who is in charge of the maintenance and upkeep of the riverfront? The Parks department might be asked to do this in the future and if so will the Parks department's budget allow for more expense? Mrs. Waters suggested that at least one person from the Board / Office should start attending the Riverfront Committee's meetings so the Parks Department will know what is going on. Mr. Ron Bennett stated that he or Don Oeth will talk with Mr. Tucker about the Riverfront Project, so that the communication lines can improve.

Motion was made to adjourn by Synda Waters and seconded by Kelly Cox.

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

John Tate, Superintendent

Ron Bennett, Board President

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 21st, 2008, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Center.